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SECVISIT 30TH UNGA

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SUBJ: KOREAN QUESTION AT THE 30TH UNGA

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH ACTING DIRECTOR MEA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT OBEBE SEPTEMBER 30 AND MADE DEMARCHE USING TALKING POINTS REFTEL (A) SEEKING NIGERIAN ABSTENTION ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS AND PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS DURING UPCOMING UNGA REFTEL (B). FACT THAT USG CONSIDERS KOREAN ITEM MOST IMPORTANT OF THIS YEAR'S AGENDA STRESSED BY EMBOFF AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY MEA.

2. AFTER LISTENING TO DEMARCHE, OBEBE STATED FLATLY THAT NIGERIA COULD NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT THE "SO-CALLED" DISSOLUTION OF UNC NOR COULD HIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS  
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WHICH LEFT US TROOPS IN KOREA. AT SAME TIME, HE ADDED,

NIGERIA DID NOT RPT NOT DESIRE TO "...HAVE A VACUUM" AND WANTED THE ARMISTICE TO BE MAINTAINED. NIGERIA FELT THAT A "UN BODY" (NOT NECESSARILY A PEACEKEEPING FORCE HE STRESSED) BUT A "BODY" PATTERNED AFTER UN FORCES IN CYPRUS OR PALESTINE MIGHT BE CREATED TO ENFORCE THE ARMISTICE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE TWO KOREAS COULD WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES. THE FORCE WOULD BE MADE UP OF "NON-ALIGNED" NATIONS. EMBOFF NOTED THAT GOAL OF BOTH US AND FMG APPEARED TO BE MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE.

3. EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER NIGERIA WAS PLANNING MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL AT UNGA AND WAS TOLD IN RATHER VAGUE TERMS THAT THE FMG "UNDERSTOOD" A GROUP OF COUNTRIES WAS CONSIDERING INTRODUCING

SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES.

4. MEA OFFICIAL POINTEDLY AVOIDED A DIRECT RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST THAT NIGERIA ABSTAIN ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS AND PROCEDURAL POINTS, FAILING EVEN TO GIVE EMBOFF USUAL DODGE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE PROPOSAL CONSIDERATION.

5. DURING DISCUSSION KOREA, OBEBE (WHO WILL BE MEMBER NIGERIAN DELEGATION DURING SECOND HALF UNGA) RAISED QUESTION ADMISSION OF TWO VIETNAMS TO UN STATING NIGERIAN REGRET THAT USG "FROM SPITE" WAS PENALIZING BOTH VIETNAMS BECAUSE ROK HAD NOT BEEN ADMITTED. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT U.S. NOT RPT NOT OPPOSED

ADMISSION OF TWO VIETNAMS, BUT IN VIEW US SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT UNIVERSALITY UN MUST ADMIT ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, INCLUDING ROK. OBEBE, WHO SAID UNIVERSALITY A CONCEPT WHICH NIGERIA ALSO SUPPORTED, IMPLIED THAT WHS BOTH KOREAS APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP SOUTH KOREA WOULD BE ADMITTED. WHEN ASKED, HOWEVER, WHETHER NIGERIA WOULD VOTE FOR ROK EVEN IF NORTH KOREA WERE NOT SEEKING MEMBERSHIP, ASSUMING HYPOTHETICALLY THAT BOTH HANOI AND SAIGON HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO UN MEMBERSHIP, OBEBE DECLINED ANSWER AND MERELY SMILED.

6. COMMENT: NIGERIA DEFINITELY DOES NOT RPT NOT FAVOR SOUTH KOREAN POSITION (READ US STANCE) ON RESOLUTION TO END UNC WHILE LEAVING US TROOPS IN KOREA UNDER BILATERAL TREATY  
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ARRANGEMENT. HOWEVER, APPEARS NIGERIANS MAY BE SEEKING WAY OUT OTHER THAN BLIND SUPPORT OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION. AT MOMENT, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT SAY WE HAVE MOVED FMG TOWARD ABSTENTION. WHETHER GARBA WILL BRING UP UN FORCE PROPOSAL IN MEETING WITH SECRETARY TOMORROW UNKNOWN. SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT GARBA WILL MENTION NIGERIAN SUPPORT FOR ADMISSION BOTH VIETNAMS AND DISAGREEMENT WITH US REASONS FOR VETO THEIR ENTRY.  
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